

House Resolution No. 714

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State students who have demonstrated special potential as future societal leaders through the excellence of their achievements while in high school; and

Whereas, Mitchell Parks is a senior at Kearney High School in the Kearney R-I School District where he has distinguished himself by earning straight "A" grades; and

Whereas, a former resident of Pennsylvania, Mitchell Parks is the first Kearney student to achieve a perfect score on the ACT test, an impressive accomplishment which only one student out of approximately 8,300 attains nationwide; and

Whereas, the "36" score written by Mitchell Parks stands in marked contrast to the "20.8" points which represented the national average for the ACT test in the year 2002; and

Whereas, Mitchell Parks is a student who enjoys learning and who works on homework for only an hour or two each night before shifting his focus to other activities; and

Whereas, in preparation for taking the ACT test during December 2003, Mitchell Parks skimmed through an ACT preparation guide and took the test once before in 2002 when he scored a very respectable "34"; and

Whereas, Mitchell Parks plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania after his high school days are over and to major in classical language; and

Whereas, while at Kearney High School Mitchell Parks has been involved in numerous clubs and organizations, including National Honor Society, Drama Club, Choir, Academic Team, a high school play, and the Kearney-Holt Community Theatre production of Arsenic and Old Lace;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar accomplishments garnered by Mitchell Parks thus far in life and to convey to him this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining a perfect "36" score on the ACT national exam and our best wishes for continued academic and personal success for many more years to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Mitchell Parks of Kearney, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Doug Ervin
District No. 35

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 714, adopted February 23, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker